

Loudoun County Travel Basketball League By-Laws 2002-2003 Season

1. All Leagues will encourage their travel players to honor the commitment needed to play for a Loudoun County Travel Team.
2. Team Personnel
 - a. The Loudoun County Travel Basketball League will be composed of Boys and Girls teams at 7th and 8th grades.
 - b. Players participating on a 7th grade travel team cannot turn 15 years old before 31 March 2003. Players participating on an 8th grade team cannot turn 16 years old before 31 March 2003.
 - c. Players selected for each travel team must be grade specific. For example, only 7th grade boys can play on a Boys 7th Grade Travel Team. The only exception to this rule are players who participated on a Loudoun County travel team last year, and wish to continue this year only with the same group of travel players. Furthermore, all home-schooled players must participate on the age-appropriate travel team. Loudoun County Public School age-attendance policies will be used to determine the appropriate travel team.
 - d. Players must play for the travel program that serves their middle school. Any home schooled or private schooled children must play for the travel league team associated with the middle school they would geographically attend if they went to public school.
 - e. Players are not permitted to play both House and Travel.
3. Travel rosters
 - a. Each team must have a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12 players.
 - b. The minimum number of players that must participate (not only present) during a game is 7. All players who are participating must meet the minimum-playing requirement.
 - c. A league registration form must be provided for each travel player, which will be submitted attached to the roster.
 - d. Rosters must be turned into PR&CS (Ron Yopp) prior to 23 November 2002, which is at least 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled game. The roster form must include the following information for each player on the team, unless it is provided on the league registration form:
 - i. Full Name
 - ii. Address and Home Phone Number
 - iii. Date of Birth
 - iv. Grade and School
 - v. Jersey Number (remember that each digit of the jersey number can only be 0 through 5)
 - e. No changes are allowed to the roster once the season begins unless approved by a majority vote of the commissioners during a meeting, which may be conducted in person or via email.
4. Practices
 - a. Organized travel practices may not begin prior to Monday, 28 October 2002.
 - b. Each team is allowed a maximum of 3 hours practice time per week.
5. Playing rules for all regular season and tournament games are in accordance with Virginia State High School Rules (<http://www.nfshsa.org/rules-basketball.htm>) except those changed or emphasized within this document, including the following:
 - a. Periods: 7 minutes
 - b. Timeouts: 3-full and 2-20
 - c. Overtime period(s) will be 3 minutes long

- d. A coaching "box" will be provided during each game
 - e. Each player suited up for a game must play the equivalent of one period or 7 minutes per game, not including any overtimes. Coaches are free to play whomever they wish during overtime periods.
6. All travel games must be officiated by the same officials organization. Potomac Valley Officials Association (PVOA) will officiate all Loudoun County travel basketball games during the 2002/2003 season.
7. The home team must wear a light color jersey, and the visiting team must wear a dark color jersey. The offending team will be change their jersey or wear a "penny".
8. Regular Season
- a. 7th and 8th Grade Divisions will play a 14 game (home and away) schedule
 - b. Each team will supply a volunteer to keep score or operate the clock.
 - c. The regular season champion and runner-up teams within each division will receive individual medals.
9. Post Season Tournament
- a. All divisions will play a single elimination playoff, with teams seeded according to their finish during the regular season.
 - b. The post-season tournament champion and runner-up teams will receive individual trophies.
 - c. During the post-season tournament the higher seeded team is the home team (and will wear a light color jersey).
10. The approach that will be used to break all ties, including seeding for the post-season tournament are as follows in descending order:
- a. Won/Loss percentage
 - b. Head to Head Record or Won/Loss Record among the tied teams/opponents - this is the won/loss record among the teams that are tied (this is used to break 3-way ties for example)
 - c. Number of points allowed in head-to-head games - e.g., if the teams that are tied played 2 games against each other, and each won 1 game, the team that allowed the fewest points in those 2 games would win this step.
 - d. Number of points allowed in games against common opponents - this would be a comparison between points allowed for the entire season
 - e. Coin Flip